Corruption cases against GM of Sindri Unit of Fertilizer Corporation

3027. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether many cases of corruption against the General Manager of Sindri Unit of FCI are under investigation by CBI and company's own vigilance;

(b) whether he has been punished by the corporate management for corruption charges;

(c) whether many criminal cases are also pending against him in the court of law and he has not yet been confirmed in his post;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) why he is being retained at the only operating plant of the Corporation, when many alternatives are available in the company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) A minor penalty was imposed on the present General Manager of Sindri unit of Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited (FCIL) in December, 1999 in connection with the purchase and supply of alloy steel studs.

(c) and (d) Two criminal cases (P.S. Case No. 151/94 and 164/94) are pending against General Manager, Sindri in Dhanbad court. These cases relate to supply of coal by railway wagons from Bharat Coking Coals Limited (BCCL) to FCIL. There are in total ten officials who have been alleged to be involved in these cases, including the present GM, Sindri. Because of his alleged involvement in criminal cases, he has yet not been confirmed.

(e) FCIL management was of the view that criminal cases against these officers were subjudice and FCIL officials including this officer

were not personally or directly involved in these cases. Besides, due to administrative reasons also, FCIL management is retaining the present incumbent on the post of GM, Sindri.

Permission for import of Chemical fertilizers

† 3028. DR. D. MASTHAN:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that import of chemical fertilizers in the country is permitted in the Government sector only;

(b) if not, what are the facts in this regard, and whether the said fertilizers were imported during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000;

(c) if so, the names of Government agencies which imported fertilizers during each of the above years, the quantities imported and the price at which they were imported, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) Urea is the only fertilizer which is under statutory price and movement control and whose imports are made on Government account to bridge the gap between requirement and indigenous availability through designated canalizing agencies namely M/s MMTC Ltd., M/s State Trading Corporation Ltd. (STC), and M/s Indian Potash Ltd. (IPL). The other major fertilizers namely DAP and MOP have been decontrolled since 24.8.1992 and their imports decanalized with effect from 17.9.1992 and 17.6.1993, respectively. The imports of these fertilizers are made freely on private trade account.

(b) and (c) The quantity of urea imports in the last three years alongwith the expenditure incurred thereon is as under:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.